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# THORPE MAKES IT HARDER ON CRIMINALS WHO CONCEAL THEIR IDENTITY

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Jan. 15, 2015) – Representative Bob Thorpe wants to make it harder on individuals who wear a mask or a disguise in the commission of a crime.

"We are not trying to stop people from wearing a costume of any kind for any reason, including peaceful protests," said Rep. Bob Thorpe. "We are trying to target those individuals who wear a mask in the commission of a crime."

California has an identical law already in place, and law enforcement has been very supportive of the measure, see Calif. Penal Code Section 182-185.

"I want to have as many good tools on the books as possible for law enforcement, and public safety," said Rep. Thorpe. "House Bill 2143 would meet this objective."

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